



Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- *The type in bold is for the congregation to say.*
- *The * Indicates “Stand if you are able”.*
- *Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.*

Introduction

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

Welcome

Prelude

Meditation

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***Hymn of Praise:**

Dearest Jesus

ELW 520 vs 1 & 4

***Prayer of the Day** (AM)

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Reading (AM)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel:

The gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow

me, and I will make you fish for people.”²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The good news of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Song *We Are Marching in the Light* **ELW 866**

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Will You Come and Follow Me* **ELW 798**

Prayers of Intercession (AM)

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Merciful God, **Hear our Prayer**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Message:

***Offering Prayer (AM)**

Liberating God, **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen**

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion song

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, **we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.**

Amen.

Announcements

*Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
† bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen

***Sending Hymn**

Jesus Calls Us

ELW 696 vs 1 & 5

***Dismissal (AM)**

Go in peace with Christ beside you

We go, celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service. Thanks be to God!



OUR PRAYER LIST:



Joe D. for a kidney to become available (that is a match) & continued successful dialysis.

Don A. for strength and health recovery from surgeries

Mary B. (friend of Kathy B) strength and healing as she continues with her chemo treatments

Joan O. (Lori's Mom) for strength and comfort while dealing with her health issues.

Heather H (granddaughter to Donna M) for strength and healing with her health issues.

Liz S (friend of Stacy B) for strength and healing as she recovers from health issues.

Chuck H (friend of Mike P) strength and comfort while dealing with health issues

Steve P (friend of Mike P) strength and comfort while dealing with health issues.

The family of Flora W (friend of Donna M) for comfort and peace as they grieve her death.

The family of Dave K. (Uncle of Nancy E) for comfort and peace as they grieve his death.

The family of Carol F. (Sister-in-law of Nancy E) for comfort and peace as they grieve her death.

ONGOING PRAYERS:

For First Responders, especially the Healthcare workers & those serving in the Armed Forces & for their families & loved ones

*For the health & ministries of this community of faith and
For our prayer partner, Grace Lutheran Church.*

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME:

January 29 Carolyn, Cleo, Marilyn

February 5 OPEN

You will find the Sign-up sheet on the Kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Jan 23, 9am-11am- Food donation drop-off at WSC

Tuesday, Jan 24, 10pm - Bible Study—True Inclusion

Tuesday, Jan 24, 6:30pm—Alter Guild meeting

Wednesday, Jan 25, 12:30pm—Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday, Jan 25, NO - Confirmation

Saturday, Jan 28, 8:30—4:00pm Habitat Build

Sunday, Jan 29, 9:30am— RIC Sunday Worship Service

Lent—Easter Planning join us after church Feb 5.

PPIFC and PPH4H Dialogue on Affordable Housing- See the flyer with QR code on office window, for information and to register for this special dialogue during the UN Interfaith Harmony Week. If you haven't been part of a dialogue yet, this will be a nice one to begin with. It will be at the Air Force Academy on Sunday, **Feb. 5, 4-6pm**. Registration is very very very helpful.

Construction at church. The demo work and the painting is finished. As for the bathrooms and the All Gender bathroom in the nursery, they are still fully functional. The women's and men's bathrooms are SINGLE use bathrooms now. Just flip the sign on the doors to Vacant/In Use. The flooring teams will be starting on **Feb 6, 2023**. For safety, once the flooring work starts, nobody will be allowed in the building until it is completed. Thank you for your cooperation and support to finish this important improvement.

Pajama Sunday- Feb. 12, 9:30am. As the building will be closed for the installation of new flooring and then the work to put things back in order, **there will be zoom – only worship** on this Sunday morning. Many of you shared how fun it was to attend church during Covid in your p.j.'s. Enjoy! If you had signed up as usher, greeter, counter, Or such, you will not need to come to church that Sunday. Sign

up for another day. Pastor, the assisting minister, the sound tech, musicians and the person giving the children's message will need to be in the building. Otherwise, we will see you on the screen.

Book Club. We are now reading *I was Anastasia* by Ariel Lawhon. Please sign out a copy of the book from the bag in the narthex. We will be discussing it on **Feb 2 2023** at Donna Lanhorns' home.

The news from Safeway about the reloadable community cards is that they activate the card but do not put the initial monetary load on it. They hope the cards will be here in the next 2 weeks, so patience is needed. Thank you, Jean Bruns

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Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who



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